THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Urdu Encyclopaedia is being prepared in 12 volumes and is, a highly laborious task. The principal reasons for the time taken in its publication have been: Calligraphy of the textual material which has to be manually and artistically done; insertion of charts and diagrams in the calligraphed material; identification and engagement of appropriate consultants; the rates of payments for calligraphers were very low; and ban on creation of posts.

(c) and (d) To speed up the work, more calligraphers have been engaged and their rates improved. Besides a composite Urdu computer/phototype setting machine has been imported to speed up publication of Urdu Encyclopaedia. By the very nature of the work involved, production of the Encyclopaedia is a time consuming work and it may not be realistic to indicate a rigid time-frame. However, every effort is being made to bring out the first volume as early as possible.

Water pollution near Rourkela Steel Plant in Orissa

116. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Rourkela Steel Plant in Orissa is causing a lot of water pollution;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the water of the river Brahmani flowing near the plant is being polluted due to the chemical wastage discharged into it by Rourkela Steel Plant; and

(c) if so, what are the details of steps taken by Government to save the river water from pollution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SMT. MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) A considerable amount of pollution is caused by the Steel Plant.

(c) The steps taken include the following:

(i) Water-quality criteria have been evolved for the river for its best designated use.

(ii) Minimal National Standards have been prescribed for major categories of water-polluting industries including steel. Standards have also been notified under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

(iii) Industries including the Rourkela Steel Plant and the municipality of the civil township of Rourkela have been directed to treat their effluents to prescribed standards and their compliance is regularly checked by the Orissa State Pollution Control Board.

(iv) The industries including the Rourkela Steel Plant have been given a time-bound programme of implementation of pollution control measures including installation of effluent treatment plants.

(v) Regular monitoring of water quality of the River Brahmani is being done under the National Water Quality Monitoring Programme.

(vi) The Rourkela Steel Plant has provided separate channels with treatment plant to control water pollution.

Setting up of Atomic Power Plants in Orissa

117. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to set up some Atomic Power Plants in Orissa;

(b) if so, the sites selected for the purpose;

(c) what are the other places in the country where Atomic Power Plants are proposed to be set up; and

(d) what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND

TECHNOLOGY (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): There is no proposal to set up an atomic power station in Orissa in the near future.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Apart from the nuclear Power plants at present in operation and under construction, Government has decided to set up the following additional atomic plants:—

(d) addition atomic plants:—

(1) 4x235 MWe—At Kaiga, Karnataka

(2) 2x500 MWe—At Tarapur, Maharashtra

(3) 4x500 MWe—At Rawatbhatta, Rajasthan

(4) 2x1000 MWe—At Kudankulam, Tamil Uadu (with Soviet assistance).

Export of Defence Electronic Components to Hungary

118. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had a proposal to export sophisticated defence electronic components to Hungary;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to implement the above proposal?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) No, Sir,

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Middlemen involved in the Bofors Gun deal

119. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approach the Government of Sweden/ Swedish Prosecutor General/A. B. Bofors for getting the names of middlemen involved in the 'Bofors' gun deal;

(b) if so, what is their response; and

(c) whether the 'Bofors' contract will be cancelled in the event of their refusal to furnish the required information?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) and (b) The matter is under investigation.

(c) No option will be foreclosed.

Enquiry into HDW Submarine contract with West Germany

120. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the stage of the enquiry into HDW Submarine contract with West Germany in which a commission of 7 per cent is alleged to have been paid; and

(b) the steps being contemplated against the persons involved in this regard?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) and (b) The enquiries into allegations of payment of commission by M/s. HDW in respect of their submarine contracts were treated as closed, as stated by the former Raksha Mantri is his statement laid in the Rajya Sabha on the 26th April, 1988. However, the matter is being reviewed.

Prevention of Environmental Pollution

121. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: